

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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Marked-up Version of the Claims

63. (Amended) The quality control material of claim [61]
60, wherein an absorbance spectrum of said one or more
substances is altered by adding a spectral modifier.

73. (Amended) A quality control material for use in a
reagentless spectrophotometric apparatus, comprising, one or
more substances that mimics an indicator of hemolysis, wherein
said one or more substances are [selcted] selected from the
group consisting of total Hb, oxy-Hb, "total Hb minus met-Hb,"
cyanmet-Hb, amaranth, acid fuchsin, basic fuchsin,ponceau S,
chromotrope 2R, phenol red, crystal ponceau, methyl orange, a
Hb-based blood substitute, oxy-Hb, carboxy-Hb, cyanmet-Hb, a
polymer, and a [protein.] protein, and wherein said quality
control material is exposed to atmospheric conditions.